



TamilNadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission

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To
The State Election Officers.

Rc.No.686/2014/CE1

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Sir,

Sub: Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission -
Conducting of Election to Co-operative Societies – Publication of
Election Notice by the District Election Officer – Instructions –
Issued – Regarding.

The State Election Officers are aware that according to Sub-Rule 6(a) of Rule 52 of TamilNadu Co-operative Societies Rules 1988, the District Election Officer or the Election Officer shall send notice of election to the members who, on the date thirty days prior to the date of poll were the members of the society. According Sub-Rule 6(b) of Rule 52 of TamilNadu Co-operative Societies Rules 1988, the election notice shall be sent at least fifteen days prior to the date of the poll by one or more of the following modes, namely:-

- (i) by giving or tendering it to such member and if he is not found, by giving or tendering it to some adult member of his family under his acknowledgment; or
- (ii) by e-post; or
- (iii) by publication in one or more local newspapers having circulation in the area of operation of the society and approved by the Government for the issue of Government advertisements.

2) Besides the above, displaying of election notice in one or more prominent public places within the area of operation of the society, displaying in the notice board at the office of the society and in cases where the elections are held in a place outside the headquarters of the society the election notice shall be displayed in the notice board at the branch of the society in that place; or in such other place as the District Election Officer may specify in this behalf have been envisaged in Sub-Rule 6(b) and 6(c) of Rule 52 of TamilNadu Co-operative Societies Rules 1988.

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3) It is needless to say that the above legal provisions with regard to publication of election notice in various modes as explained above is aimed at transparency and bringing it to the notice of the people concerned about the on-going elections without any omission. The State Election Officers are therefore requested to instruct the District Election Officers concerned the need to properly publish the Election Notice by them which is the first step at field level in conducting the election to the Co-operative Societies. In this connection I wish to bring it to your kind notice that Sub-Rule 6(b) of Rule 52 of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Rules 1988 is very clear that the election notice shall be sent by one or more of the modes referred therein and the District Election Officers and Election Officer shall follow this scrupulously. It is therefore hereby stressed that besides following other modes of serving election notice, the District Election Officers may also publish the Election Notice in one or more local newspapers having circulation in the area of operation of the society to ensure transparency and for conveying message of election to larger section of the concerned members for all future elections, be it elections conducted to fill up casual vacancies or elections conducted for the newly registered Co-operative Societies to replace their interim Board and thus ensure that the message about conducting of election reaches the concerned people without fail.

I therefore request you to issue suitable instructions on the above lines to the District Election Officers under your control and mark a copy of the instructions so issued by you in this regard to the Commission.

(Sd./-)

Commissioner